creasing cloudiness; not much change in temperature.

TWO CENTS.

MAY MEDIATE STRIKE MR. TAFT LIKES POSIES

to Federal Board.

Unless Erdman Act Applies.

Hoke Smith's Suggestion of State Commission to Arbitrate Trouble Declined by Scott.

As the result of appeals to the federal board of mediation to use its efforts to settle the strike of firemen on the Georgia railroad, Commissioner of Labor Neill, a member of the board, will leave for Atlanta tonight. This decision · followed a conference

here today between Dr. Nelll and Chairman Martin A. Knapp of the interstate commerce commission, the other member of the board of mediation under the Erdman act.

Both sides of the controversy have appealed to the board with a view to adjusting, if possible, the difficulties which have grown out of the employment of negro firemen by the railroad.

Mediation Is Invited.

egrams also were received by the board | dered the chauffeur to stop. from persons representing the striking firemen, indicating their willingness to have the board take up the matter with a view to reaching an amicable conclu- said to his chief of staff, pointing to one

It was decided today that Dr. Neill should confer at Atlanta with representatives of both sides. Owing to important business before the interstate commerce commission, Chairman Knapp will be unable to accompany him. It is quite likely that Dr. Neill may go from Atlanta to

It has not been determined definitely that the board of mediation will under-take formally the adjustment of the controversy, as the members are not satisfied that it comes within the purview of the Erdman law. That act provides that the board may enter upon the settlement of controversies involving wages, hours of labor, regulations and conditions of labor.

To Open Way to Peace. the consent of the railroad officials and ment property that way?" a peaceful settlement.

It is not unlikely that Chairman Knapp may join Dr. Neill in the south, perhaps by Wednesday. Together they will en-deavor to work out a satisfactory solution

Officials of the Post Office Department are inclined to take a somewhat more hopeful view of the situation on the Georgia railroad, as the result of ofmails on the branch lines between Athens and Union Point had been resumed. On the main line between Augusta and Atlanta two mail cars went through yesterday attached to freight trains.

Jimmie Wilson would have somebody watching those flower beds. You know you are going to be arrested."

Recognized the President.

While Cart

Gov. Smith's Suggestion

AUGUSTA, Ga., May 24.-Gov. Smith's offer of arbitration of the Georgia railroad strike was declined today by General Manager Scott of the railroad. Governor Suggests Arbitration.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 24-Arbitration Wilson in great glee this morning. to settle the Georgia railroad strike was proposed by Gov. Hoke Smith today. The governor suggested a commission of six, all to be residents of Georgia three to represent each side of the controversy. The Georgia railroad lies en- SHOWS EFFECTS OF ILLNESS ON tirely within this state.

Gov. Smith's proposal was made in telegrams to General Manager Scott of the President Ball of the Locomotive Fire- At His Office This Morning and Exmen, who is conducting the strike. Involving a race issue as to whether white or negro firemen shall be employed the strike has become of importance al over the south because of reports that the movement of the Georgia firemen to oust negroes from employment will spread to firemen on all southern railroads. Over the 171 miles of track of the Geor gia railroad today practically not a train is moving, engineers refusing to take out their engines for fear of having their at the Washington navy yard yesterday

W. U. T. COMPANY WINS CASE. Federal Supreme Court Decides the vessel was when his condition began

Against Gunner on Vessel. The applicability to government reservations within the state of the Virginia statute imposing a penalty of \$100 upon porters that he would be all right as soon telegraph companies failing to deliver as he had regained his lost strength. state messages entrusted to them was the pr Western Union Telegraph Company agt. Samuel Chiles, which was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States today favorably to the company.

Chiles is a gunner on the government vessel Abarenda, and failing to receive a message addressed to him from a point the Norfolk navy yard, he instituted an quarters. action in the hustings court at Portsmouth to recover the penalty. That court found in his favor, and its verdict meeting the approval of the Virginia supreme court, the company brought the case to the federal Supreme Court on a writ of error, where it succeeded in obtaining a

The telegraph company contended that inasmuch as the navy yard is under federal jurisdiction, the law could not be made applicable to messages directed to persons within its bounds. The unconstitutionality of the provision was also pleaded. Today's opinion was by Justice Molmes, who held that the state's jurisdiction did not extend to a United States reservation.

BRITISH GOLF TOURNEY.

Play in First Round for Amateur Championship Opens.

EDINBURGH, May 24.-Play in the first round of the British amateur golf field course, opened today in glorious weather. The match between E. A. Lassen, the holder of the title, and C. A. Palmer naturally attracted a large gal-

Trainmen and Railroad Appeal So He Picked a Few in the **Agricultural Grounds.**

DR. NEILL OFF TO GEORGIA THEN CAME THE WATCHMAN

Will Not Undertake Adjustment President Near Being Arrested Until He Is Recognized.

GOVERNOR'S OFFER REJECTED PUTS JOKE ON CAPT. BUTT

"Didn't I Tell You to Leave Those Flowers Alone?" His Warning to Military Aid.

President Taft has gone far back into his boyhood days, plucked a leaf or two out of the "Arabian Nights Tales" and become the Haroun Al Raschid of the

Haroun Al Raschid, it will be remembered, was the ruler who used to disguise himself every night or so and wander around, getting first-hand information as to how his subjects employed their time.

The President tried this last Saturday night, but was forced to disclose his real identity in a hurry in order to avoid arrest by the night watchman of the De-

partment of Agriculture. The President, accompanied by Capt Archibald Butt, his chief military aid, General Manager Scott of the Georgia and a friend, whose identity remains a railroad telegraphed Chairman Knapp mystery, was taking a ride in the Presithat the officers of the road would be dent's big touring car. Their route took glad to have the board of mediation arrived in the grounds of the Departuse its efforts to settle the trouble. Tel- ment of Agriculture the President or-

> Just Couldn't Help It. "Those are beautiful flowers, Butt," he of the beds in front of the Secretary's

office: "let's get out and pick a few." In the fraction of a second the three had deserted the automobile and were, like three small boys, having the time of their lives robbing the flower bed. Each gathered a big bouquet, when all of a sudden the watchman appeared. The President had just finished his bouquet and was standing a few feet away in the shadow of a tree.

Butt Caught in the Act. "What are you doing there?" said the watchman to Capt. Butt, who was caught redhanded, with a big bunch of flowers in his hand. "Don't you know you have no It will be the purpose of Dr. Neill to business doing that? Don't you know you study the situation and, if possible, with are breaking the law, stealing govern-

of the men involved, to open a way for Just then the President came from under the shade of the tree and joined the watchman in a tirade against the astonished Capt. Butt. As though he had had no part in the affair the President, carefully concealing a large bouquet be-hind his back, assumed an air of virtuous

"I told you not to do that," he thun-dered at Capt. Butt; "I told you Uncle Jimmie Wilson would have somebody

his chief in the hour of trial, the watchman got a look at President Taft. Recogfor Arbitration Rejected nizing him, he stopped talking and began wondering what to do next. Then the President told him they would

quit their trespassing right away if he would not arrest them "You've done your duty and I shall tell Secretary Wilson so the first time I see him," said the President. And he did, telephoning the whole story to Mr.

SECRETARY DICKINSON HOME

TRIP FROM PANAMA.

presses Satisfaction With Progress of Work.

Weak from the effects of his illness, which compelled him to cut short his ashore from the naval yacht Mayflower boats were smashed but one. at the Washington navy yard yesterday Only one woman, the Australian wife afternoon, after a tour of inspection of Mate Canteron, was with the party. the Panama canal. Until yesterday Mr. Dickinson had not left his berth since wrecked Columbia. The same day the the Mayflower sailed from Havana, where ship burned to the water's edge. to cause concern.

He was first ashore, and, while showing signs of his illness, appeared to be Senators Receive Appeals to Close Mr. Dickinson expressed pleasure at the progress being made in the construc-

Entering a carriage the Secretary and of June. Mrs. Dickinson were driven at once to Fort Myer, where they will be the guests within the state while his vessel lay at of Gen. Bell until they secure permanent

party were Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, of other schedules passed over. The Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Ewing, James Ross Todd. Henry D. Lindsley, Mrs. Owsley

and Lincoln R. Clark. At His Office, as Usual.

Secretary Dickinson was on deck as usual today, despite his reported ill- for action on the bill is beginning to be with President Taft at the White telegrams from constituents urging them House. The remainder of the working to put an end to the suspense under which day he was at his desk in the War Department, clearing up the mass of private correspondence accumulated during felt through the daily press and the com-

To all inquirers in regard to the Panama canal he expressed himself as entirely satisfied with the progress that has been made, and said it was going ahead as rapidly as possible consistent with good economic management of the force of employes now there. All the engineering problems likely to be encountered in the construction of a lock type of canal, Mr. Dickinson says, have been solved, and, in his opinion, June 1, bearing their side arms. The championship tournament, over the Muir- will be successfully worked out by the managers of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific commission. Col. Goethals, chief engi- exposition expressed the desire that the neer, he says, holds to his opinion expressed while visiting Washington several months ago that the canal will be Aso and Soya, which will represent Jaready for business by January 1, 1915. pan at the opening of the exposition, be lery, but the principal interest of the Mr. Dickinson believes the lock sysday focused on the play of the American tem of canal to be better than that of This government informed Japan and champion, Jerome D. Travers of Mont- the sea-level type. Whatever doubts he the authorities at Tokio have acquiesced. clair, N. J., who was opposed by W. A. may have had on this subject, he says, The request being agreeable to the Wash-Henderson, one of the hardest match were dissipated by his visit to the isth-ington state authorities, the United States



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THE COLUMBIA'S PASSENGERS.

by the Mail Steamer Dora-Tell of Suffering and Heroism.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 24.-A cable dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Seward, Alaska, says that the mail steamer Dora has arrived there with 194 survivers of the wrecked ship Columbia tale of suffering and of heroism seldom

Following the grounding in a blinding snowstorm eight miles east of Unimaka pass on the night of April 30, the experiences of the passengers and crew of the Columbia were harrowing. There was no wind at the time, but a terrific surf was raging from a storm on the previous night. On the vessel were fifty-three Italians, ninety-sia Japanese and fortyfive Americans and Scandinavians. All, including the Japanese, were passive and obedient in the face of danger "ave the Italians, who in panic raved and prayed. A boat was lowered and the Italians poured in. The Italians attempted to eize two more boats, but were restrained at the point of guns. They rowed eight niles to Scotch Cape lighthouse. Returning two days later for provisions they were again compelled with revolvers to ake only food and refrain from looting.

Landing the Passengers.

Two former life-saving men, Christ Christophersen, and Ernest Andersen, insisted they be allowed to proceed for shore alone in a diminutive skiff. They succeeded in establishing a life line to

Disembarking by means of the large fish boats following the line line occupied twenty-four hours. Dr. Thrasher, the ship physician, who worked continuously, revived the men capsized in the icy waters. Many were nearly drowned and it was in the resuscitation of these that trip, Secretary of War Dickinson stepped the Japanese showed fine spirit. All the On the morning of May 2 a storm caused the final abandonment of the

COUNTRY IMPATIENT.

Up the Tariff Debate.

Republican leaders in the Senate exressed the opinion today that the er called in question in the case of the tion of the Panama canal, but when of this week would show a clearing of asked regarding conditions in Cuba, the the tariff situation. They said it seems Mayflower having touched there on the quite likely that an agreement can be return trip from the Canal Zone, he laughingly replied: "I only saw Cuba through a porthole."

quite likely that an agreement can be reached fixing a day for a final vote some time about the middle or the 20th some time about the middle or the 20th

> The leaders expect to make progress when the lumber schedule is out of the way, and they think this week will clean The other members of the Secretary's up that schedule and the few mill-ends great struggle over the cotton schedule will then come, and as soon as this is out of the way the leaders expect to see

daylight.
The pressure from the country at large He spent part of the forenoon felt. Senators are getting letters and the business interests are laboring. The small merchants are making themselves bined hue and cry against delay is growing more strident every day.

TO PARADE WITH SIDE ARMS. Special Permission Granted Japanese

Midshipmen and Sailors.

Midshipmen and sailors of the Japanese training squadron will parade at Seattle men from the Japanese training ships fighters of the Royal and Ancient Golf mus. The Secretary says there are no government has granted the desired per-Club.

WRECKED IN A SNOWSTORM ASKS FOR DUTY ON LUMBER TWO DIE IN HARBOR COLLISION

THE SENATE.

Canadian Border Should Be Proteeted by Differential Tax.

BONING FOR GRADUATION. •

An extended plea for the differential duty on dressed lumber was made in the Senate today, in connection with the consideration of the tariff bill, by Senator States of the Detroit and Buffalo Naviganear Unimaka pass. The survivors tell a ests along the Canadian border and gave the harbor of the United States life-savreasons why they should be accorded a ing station. The drowned were:

protective tariff. "Canada," he said, "offers to every planing mill which will move across the border a remission of taxes for from fifteen to twenty-five years. So that the duty which we are imposing, if we adopt the committee report on dressed lumber. merely balances the tax that is imposed upon the property of our mills for the support of our state and municipal gov-

Calling attention to the fact that the duties under consideration in the cases of the rates provided by the House bill and by the committee on finance, were less than those of the Dingley bill, Mr. Hale inquired whether the senator from New York believed the Dingley rate should be retained.

"My impression is," said Mr. Root, "that the differential of the Dingley bill is just about at the right point to maintain a healthy opportunity for business and a healthy restraint upon business. I fer a large portion of the planing business to Canada.

Mr. Root read a communication from the Amalgamated Wood Workers of America as evidence that the employes of the industry regard the maintenance of Colored Prisoner Punished for Hida substantial differential as essential in their efforts to keep their wages at the level established by the Dingley law.

GOING TO GETTYSBURG.

Troops and Batteries at Fort Myer Will Start Tomorrow. Troops A. B and D. 15th Cavalry, and

Batteries D and E, 3d Field Artillery will leave Fort Myer, Va,, tomorrow morning, under command of Maj. C. G. Treat, on a practice march to Gettysburg, Pa., and return, a total distance of about 250 miles. At Gettysburg they will participate in the ceremonies attending the dedication next Monday of the monument campaign.

that occasion addresses will made by President Taft and Secretary Dickinson, and Miss Helen Taft will unveil the shaft. Nearly 2,000 regular troops have been ordered to attend. The Fort Myer troops, however, are the only ones to make the trip to and from the old battleground by marching.

NEW HIGH WHEAT RECORDS. Chicago Prices Advance on Reports From Kansas.

CHICAGO, May 24.-Both May and September wheat established new high records on the board of trade today, largely on bullish reports from Kansas predicting crop shortage in that state. May wheat sold early at \$1.3314-16 cent over Saturday. September contracts brought \$1.10, which is % cent, higher than the previous close and 1/2 cent better July at \$1.181/2 was within % cent of its

of influential bullish support. NATURALIST LOSES HIS LIFE. Sand Caves in Upon Him While

Digging for Kingfisher Eggs. NORFOLK, Va., May 04.-Richardson P. Smithwick, aged twenty-two years, a passed by the House today, after sevnaturalist, lost his life as the result of eral previous efforts had been made to sand caving in upon him while he was put it through, but which failed because digging late Saturday into the side of a sand dune in the "Princess Anne Desert," This government informed Japan and between Lynn Haven inlet and Cape Henry, for kingfisher eggs.

A searching party Sunday found Smithwick's body with his feet only projecting through the sand.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE OF SENATOR ROOT MAKES PLEA IN ANOTHER REPORTED MISSING

IN CRASH AT BUFFALO.

Bow to Assist in Tow.

Survivors Taken to Seward, Alaska, Gives Reasons Why Mills Along Steamer Strikes and Turns Over Tug Capt. Doyle, with several officers, arrived Which Had Crossed Former's

> BUFFALO, N. Y., May 24.-Two and perhaps three lives were lost today in a collision between the steamer Western William McClure, fireman, of Buffalo. Raymond Norby, fireman, of Buffalo.

Frank Traufler, engineer, of Buffalo.

According to statements of eyewitnesses, the Princeton had crossed'the bow of the Western States in order to assist in towing her to her dock. The tug Yale

river for the dock. The Western States, however, had greater neadway than the captain of the

the crew being precipitated into the wa-Passengers on board of the Western States saw one of the tug's men come to do not think there can be a reduction in the surface and make a short struggle these differentials that would not trans- for life. Then the unfortunate sailor sank from view.

IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

ing at Penitentiary.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 24.-Harvey Johnson, a negro burglar, serving a life sentence, is now in solitary confinement, following his disappearance Wednesday night and hiding until early today, when hunger drove him to uncover himself.

Despite the utmost vigilance of the guards, Johnson had eluded capture by hiding under the porch of the prison post office. Three nights he ventured forth on foraging expeditions, but hastened back to his hiding place when fired on by guards. Saturday night he boldly stole the lunch of a guard, but was seen while leaving the guard's kitchout. The entire prison was the scene of surrounded the wash house and made a guards had not climbed the roof to look for him, because they thought it inac- the people of the United States."

Jailed for Taft Caricatures.

SAN JUAN, P. R., May 24.-Federal officers today arrested Joaquin Bierreiro. editor of El Carnaval, a weekly periodical, which makes a specialty of caricaobscene matter through the mails. He was released on furnishing bonds in the sum of \$5,000. The offense is al- be struck from the bill. leged to lie in certain caricatures of President Taft in connection with his

message on Porto Rican affairs.

lieve he will recover.

of the lack of a quorum.

than the previous high point of some Ball Player Recovers From Injuries. RACINE, Wis., May 24.-Earl Burwell, previous top price. December wheat, a member of the Oshkosh, Wis., base which touched \$1.07%, showed evidence ball team, who yesterday was a ruck by a thrown ball while running to first base and suffered concussion of the brain, has mittee," retorted the Oklahoman. regained consciousness and physicians be-

> Philippine Tariff Bill Passed. The Philippine tariff bill was finally

Venezuela Abolishes War Taxes. An executive decree was issued the 19th

instant by the Venezuelan government abolishing the war export taxes on coffee, cocoa and hides. The decree has met with popular approval.

GAS IN THEIR ROOM BEFORE END OF JUNE

Husband Unconscious.

THOUGHT TO BE ACCIDENT MAKES PLANS FOR JULY 3

Couple Not Seen Since About 6 Visit to Pittsburg the Latter Part O'Clock Last Night.

BROTHER EX-POLICE CAPTAIN HAMMOND NOT GOING TO CHINA

cently and Were Preparing to Return to That City.

With gas steadily flowing from an open | President Taft is so confident that Coniet in their room at 630 Rhode Island ave- gress will adjourn before the end of June; nue northwest this morning, Sylvanus that it will pass a satisfactory tariff bill Amiss, a shoemaker, sixty-eight years of and save further trouble, and that everyage, was found in an unconscious condi- body will be ready to leave for summer tion, and his wife, Mrs. Mollie Amiss, vacations early in July, that he today sixty-four years of age, was dead. Mr. completed arrangements to spend several Amiss was removed to the Freedmen's days around Lake Champlain in con-Hospital, where it was stated he will nection with the tercentenary eleberation probably recover. Coroner Nevitt was of the discovery of the lake. He had an notified, and after making an investiga- interview today with Senator Dillingham tion stated that he would not issue a cer- and Gov. Prouty of Vermont, which state tificate regarding the death of Mrs. Amiss is co-operating with New York in having until he could get a statement from Mr. a week's celebration of the tercentenary.

is a brother of ex-Capt. of Police T. He will spend the Fourth at Norwich, Brooke Amiss; had occupied a room at the house with Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Conn., at the celebration there of the Belt for the past seven months. Mr. founding of the town. Tuesday, July 6, Amiss was seen to leave the house last be will be at Fort Ticonderog; July 7, evening about 6 o'clock. He was not seen to enter again. About 9 o'clock last night and again this morning about 3 o'clock, Mrs. Belt told Coroner Nevitt, she heard a noise in the front second-story room, his summer home. occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Amiss.

Detected by Landlady. About 9 o'clock this morning, after Mr. and Mrs. Belt had finished their breakfast June. and the former had left the house, Mrs. Belt detected the odor of gas escaping from the front room. Not having seen or heard anything of the occupants this morning, she became alarmed. She ran to the front door. Officer Leslie Williams of

finding the bedroom door locked, forced it open and found Mr. Amiss lying on the floor, attired in his nightgown, and Mrs. from the station house in the patrol wagon. Capt. Doyle discovered that Amiss was still breathing, and with the assistance of the officers carried him downstairs and placed him in the patrol

At the hospital Amiss wass immediately placed on the operating table, and Dr. William A. Warfield, with several assistants, worked over him for over an hour before they were able to revive him. The dent will send to the Senate in a few days Root, who cited the various lumber inter- tion Company and the tug Princeton in ambulance of the Freedmen's Hospital the nomination of E. L. McConnaughey. M. L. Boyd examined ars. Amiss he publican county committee. pronounced her dead.

Believed to Be Accident.

It is supposed that the couple retired executive. to their bed about 9 o'clock last night, Capt. James Sullivan of the Princeton when they were heard moving about in escaped by swimming to the life-saving their room, and that when one of them Hammond Declines Chinese Mission. turned out the light from a small table lamp, the key was turned by accident, which opened it again. Mr. Amiss was a native of Staunton,

Va., where he had been engaged in the shoemaking business for a number of had taken the line off the Western States and was swinging around to head up the with H. C. Reinhardt, 803 6th street Secretary Knox that he greatly regretnorthwest, a manufacturing shoemaker. He was employed there until about three weeks ago, when he stated he was going to return to his former home. Mrs. Amiss Yale evidently calculated, for the big is said to have been a native of Fredersteamer struck the Princeton amidships icksburg, Va. The couple were preparing and turned her over, the members of to return to Staunton, and it is stated they were to have left this city today.

SENATOR OWEN WOULD AMEND THE TARIFF BILL.

Says Words "Above No. 16 Dutch Standard in Color" Should Be Eliminated.

The so-called sugar trust was the sub ject of an attack in the Senate today by Senator Owen of Oklahoma, who sent to the secretary's desk a denunciation of the trust published yesterday in a local

out one of the most evil and insidious though he may be offered an examinerconsequences of the building up in this ship in some other state. country of these gigantic organizations protected by this so-called tariff, which troops, who took part in the Gettysburg en. He ran to a wash house and hid has led to poisoning the fountain of inen. He ran to a wash house and hid formation of the people of the United retary of the republican national committee, and the range of the republican national committee, did not get on the Taft band wagon excitement. A dozen guards quickly United States. This fact is not mentioned by the leading newspapers of the last year. He was generally supposed search. For three hours Johnson lay on city of New York, but, on the contrary, to have sympathized in strong degree the roof. Then, realizing that he would full-page advertisements of the Sugar with Senator Foraker's plans in Ohio. be seen at daylight, he surrendered. The Refining Company appear in lieu of the Because of his attitude Mr. Dover was truth, which ought to be made known to relegated to a minor position in the work

> it might appear in the Record, which was After the reading of the clipping, which was an account of alleged recent frauds perpetrated by the sugar trust, Mr. Owen New York examinership. declared that the words "above No. 16 ture. Bierreiro is charged with sending Dutch standard in color" should be the Senate "why these words should not Mr. Aldrich suggested that the sugar

afternoon, and "then this amendment," he said, "will be in order." chairman of the committee on finance," New York examinership pays \$12,000 a year, the best position under the conpersisted Mr. Owen. "Not for the chairman," suggested Mr. Beveridge, laughing; "for the committee, probably." "For the chairman, who is the com-

Further discussion was cut off by the Senate's proceeding with the consideration of the tariff bill. Mr. Owen did not ard T. Yeatman, 11th Infantry. at the time present his resolution, but Citizen, to be a chaplain in the said he would do so later. He did not James D. Macnair of New York. disclose its terms.

Conditions in Constantinople. that the present state of public security

is entirely successful

Mrs. Amiss Found Dead and President Confident of Time Congress Will Adjourn.

Weather.

Fair tonight. Tuesday in-

of This Week.

Came Here From Staunton, Va., Re- Elmer Dover Loses Place as National Bank Examiner in State of New York.

The President's program is to get away Mr. and Mrs. Amiss, the former of whom from Washington the night of July 3.

> his summer home. Senator Crane of Massachusetts, who called to see the President today, said there was little question that Congress would pass a tariff bill before the end of

President's Pittsburg Trip. Representative Barchfeld and Rabbi J. L. Levy of Pittsburg visited the President today with reference to his visit to that the front door. Officer Leslie Williams of the eighth precinct was standing at 7th street and Rhode Island avenue, and was called by Mrs. Belt and informed of the Pittsburg Saturday morning. He will take part in the dedication of a fountain The policeman immediately communicated with Capt. Doyle of the eighth precinct, who instructed him to enter the room. He returned to the house, and the day. At night he will attend the banquet of the Associated Western Yale Clubs. Sunday will also be spent in

Pittsburg. Sunday night he will leave Pittsburg for Gettysburg, where he will be the central figure in the Memorial day exercises Monday, May 31. He will be back in Washington that night. Dayton Surveyorship Settled. One difficult Ohio patronage case is beleved to have been settled today. Senator Burton visited the President and discussed with him the surveyorship of customs at Dayton. It is believed the Presi-

had also been summoned, and when Dr. who has been recommended by the re-Speaker Cannon made an early visit to the White House, but as the President was busy did not wait to see the chief

Ex-Senator Wilson of Washington was one of the President's visitors.

John Hays Hammond, the mining engineer, prominent in the last campaign as president of the League of Republican Clubs, today declined an offer of the post of minister to China. In doing ted that he could not accept the honor, but that the education of his children and the dislike of his wife to further travel after years of residence in all parts of the world stood in the way of

his serving the administration.
"I recognize that the post of minister to China has splendid opportunities, and that the prospects of increasing commercial openings there are immense,"
Mr. Hammond said, "but circumstances
do not permit me to accept the offer. Myself and family have lived every-where, until we feel that we should settle down and look after the educa-

tion of the children. Mr. Hammond was at the White House this morning, and after a conference with the President saw and talked with Secretary Knox, who had been summoned. No one else has been selected as the suc-cessor to Mr. Rockhill, who has been transferred to St. Petersburg. President Taft looks upon the Chinese mission as one of the most important in the diplomatic service of the government, and he will seek an able man for the place.

Dover Loses Fine Place. Elmer Dover's appointment as national bank examiner in the state of New York has been suspended by direction of President Taft, and it is considered doubtful "This account," said Mr. Owen, "points whether he will again be named, al-

The inside facts of the case, though, are carefuly withheld, as far as possiin the preliminary presidential campaign of the republican national committee, Sonsequently, he asked to have the and at the close of the campaign ennewspaper attack read, in order that gaged in private business. President Taft did not wish to show any animosity and recognized Mr. Dover's

services to his party. So he asked Con-troller Murray to give Mr. Dover the Immediately after the acceptance of the offer there appeared in the New York struck from the tariff bill, and asked papers long stories alleging that Mr. that the finance committee report to Dover had been picked over the re-the Senate "why these words should not monstrance of big influences in Ohio, and that the President had really selected him so that he might advise as schedule would probably be reached this to Ohio political matters. These stories reached the President, who does not like too much advertising at his expense, and "I am offering a resolution for the so the appointment is hung up high. The

> troller of the currency. Nominates Two Officers. The President today made the follow-

ing nominations: Colonel, to be brigadier general-Rich-Citizen, to be a chaplain in the navy-

Admiral Evans Resumes His Duties. Rear Admiral R. D. Evans, U. S. N., Conditions in Constantinople are great- retired, has returned to this city from a ly improved, according to a dispatch to long visit to California and resumed his the State Department from Ambassador duties with the general board of the navy. Leishman today. The ambassador says He was at the Navy Department this afternoon and spent some time in conferin Constantinople is better than it has ence with Secretary Meyer and Rear Adbeen for a long time. He adds the indications are that the new administration miral Pillsbury, chief of the bureau of